

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

TADEUSZ TOPORKIEWICZ)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	FILED: JULY 1, 2008
v.)	NO. 08CV3763
)	JUDGE LEINENWEBER
MICHAEL CHERTOFF, Secretary of the U.S.)	MAGISTRATE JUDGE MASON
Department of Homeland Security; MICHAEL)	
MUKASEY, U.S. Attorney General; EMILIO T.)	
GONZALEZ, Director, U.S. Citizenship &)	TC
Immigration Services; RUTH A. DOROCHOFF,)	
District Director, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration)	
Services, Chicago Field Office; F. GERARD)	
HEINAUER, Director, Nebraska Service Center;)	
and ROBERT S. MUELLER, III, Director of the)	
Federal Bureau of Investigation,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF MANDAMUS

NOW COMES the Petitioner, Tadeusz Toporkiewicz, by and through his attorney, Stanley J. Horn of Horn, Khalaf, Abuzir, Mitchell & Schmidt, and Petitions this Honorable Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus compelling the Defendants to complete the processing of this Application for Adjustment of Status, and in support thereof, states as follows:

STATEMENT OF ACTION

1. This petition is brought to compel action on an Application for Adjustment of Status under Section 245 (“I-485”) of the Immigration and Nationality Act properly filed with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) by the Plaintiff. To the Plaintiff’s detriment, Defendants have failed to adjudicate the application.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. This court has original jurisdiction to hear both civil actions arising under the laws of the United States and actions to compel an officer or employee of the United States or any agency thereof to perform a duty. 8 U.S.C. § 1329; 28 U.S.C. § 1331; 28 U.S.C. § 1361. This Court also has jurisdiction to grant declaratory relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201-2202.

3. This action is brought to compel the Defendants, officers and an agency of the United States, to perform the duties arising under the laws of the United States. This Court has jurisdiction to hear actions arising from claims that an agency or officer or employee of a government agency failed to act in its or his or her official capacity and the person to whom the duty was owed suffered a legal wrong. 5 U.S.C. § 702.

4. This action invokes the Plaintiff's right of due process under the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution, over which this Court retains jurisdiction. This action is also brought due to the failure of the Defendants to perform their duty to adjudicate the Plaintiff's Application to Adjust Status under Section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Failure to adjudicate said Application has resulted in harm to the Plaintiff.

5. Venue is proper in the Northern District of Illinois because Plaintiff resides in the Northern District of Illinois and a substantial part of the activities complained of occurred in the Northern District of Illinois. See 28 U.S.C. § 1391(e).

PARTIES

6. Plaintiff, Tadeusz Toporkiewcz, applied for adjustment of status under Section 245 of the Immigration and Naturalization Act. Plaintiff filed an Application for Adjustment of Status on May 30, 2003.

7. Defendant Michael Chertoff ("Chertoff"), the Secretary for the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"), is being sued in his official capacity only. Pursuant to the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-296, Defendant Chertoff, through his delegates has authority to adjudicate Applications for Adjustment of Status filed with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to accord applicants lawful permanent resident status under Section 245 of the Immigration and Naturalization Act.

8. Defendant Michael Mukasey ("Mukasey"), the Acting Attorney General of the United States, is being sued in his official capacity only. Mukasey is authorized to promulgate regulations governing the implementation and administration of the Immigration and Nationality Act pertaining to the adjustment of status to that of Lawful Permanent Resident of legal resident aliens and other qualified aliens.

9. Defendant Emilio T. Gonzalez, the Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, is being sued in his official capacity only. His Under Secretary position within the Department of Homeland Security charges him with supervisory authority over federal and contract employees who are responsible for the processing of immigration benefits.

10. Defendant Ruth Dorochoff ("Dorochoff"), the Officer-in-Charge of the USCIS Chicago Field Office, is being sued in her official capacity only. Dorochoff is in charge with supervisory authority over all of Chicago USCIS operations and USCIS agents and officers acting in their official capacity.

11. Defendant F. Gerard Heinauer ("Heinauer"), the Director of the USCIS Nebraska Service Center, is being sued in his official capacity only. Heinauer is charged with supervisory authority over all of the Nebraska USCIS operations where Plaintiff's application is currently pending.

12. Defendant Robert S. Mueller III ("Mueller"), Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), is being sued in his official capacity only. Mueller has authority over the FBI's actions and the actions of its agents and officers. The FBI is statutorily obligated to conduct security checks on all Applications for Adjustment of Status.

CAUSE OF ACTION

13. Plaintiff filed Form I-485, Application for Adjustment of Status on May 30, 2003 with the USCIS pursuant to Section 245 of the Immigration Act of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-649, 104, Stat. 4978, 8 U.S.C. § 1255 (see Exhibit 1).

14. Plaintiff followed the appropriate procedures for the adjustment of status process, including having fingerprints taken in accordance with the procedures set up by the Defendants.

15. Plaintiff has not been interviewed on his application, nor has he even been scheduled for an interview.

16. That there has not yet been a decision on Plaintiff's Application for Adjustment of Status, despite the fact that it has been pending since May 30, 2003, and despite numerous inquiries with USCIS.

17. That the Defendants' failure to adjudicate the Plaintiff's Application for Adjustment of Status has no basis for the unconscionable delay.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that this Court grant her the following relief:

- A. Assume jurisdiction over the case;
- B. Order Defendants to adjudicate the Plaintiff's application within 60 days;
- C. Award Plaintiff reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, for failure of the Defendants to perform their duties within the statutory time period; and

D. Such other relief at law and in equity as justice may so require.

Respectfully submitted,
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